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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Chapter 11
Case No. 09-50002 (AJG) (Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF HEARING ON TWENTY-SECOND OMNIBUS MOTION OF DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 365 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND BANKRUPTCY RULE 6006, FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS

A second amended list of the Debtors, their addresses and tax identification numbers is located on the docket for Case No. 09-50002 (AJG) (Docket No. 3945) and can also be found at www.chryslerrestructuring.com.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. A hearing to consider the Twenty-Second Omnibus Motion of Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Pursuant to Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 6006, for an Order Authorizing the Rejection of Certain Executory Contracts (the "Motion"), filed by the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "Debtors"), shall be held before the Honorable Arthur J. Gonzalez, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Room 523 of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Alexander Hamilton Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, on January 21, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. (New York time).
- 2. Objections, if any, to the relief sought in the Motion must be made in writing, with a hard copy to Chambers, conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York and be filed with the Bankruptcy Court and must be served in accordance with the Administrative Order, Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(c), Establishing Case Management and Scheduling Procedures (Docket No. 661) (the "Case Management Order"), so as to be actually received by the parties on the Special Service List (as defined in the Case Management Order) and the nondebtor parties identified on Exhibit A to the Motion not later than 4:00 p.m. (New York time) on January 12, 2010 (the "Objection Deadline").
- 3. If no objections are timely filed and served with respect to the Motion, the Debtors may, on or after the Objection Deadline, submit to the Court an order substantially in the form attached to the Motion, which order shall be submitted and may be entered with no further notice or opportunity to be heard offered to any party.
- 4. Copies of the Motion, the Case Management Order and the Special Service List may be obtained from the Court's website at http://ecf.nysb-mega.uscourts.gov or,

free of charge, at www.chryslerrestructuring.com.

Dated: December 29, 2009 New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

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PARTIES RECEIVING THIS OMNIBUS MOTION SHOULD LOCATE THEIR NAMES AND THEIR CONTRACTS IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re	:	:	Chapter 11
Old Carco LLC	:	•	Case No. 09-50002 (AJG)
(f/k/a Chrysler LLC), et al.,	Debtors.		(Jointly Administered)
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TWENTY-SECOND OMNIBUS MOTION OF DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 365 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND BANKRUPTCY RULE 6006, FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS

TO THE HONORABLE ARTHUR J. GONZALEZ, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Old Carco LLC f/k/a Chrysler LLC ("Old Carco") and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively with Old Carco, the "Debtors") respectfully represent as follows:

Background

- 1. On April 30, 2009 (the "Petition Date"), Old Carco and 24 of its affiliated Debtors (collectively, the "Original Debtors") commenced their bankruptcy cases by filing voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). On May 19, 2009, Debtor Alpha Holding LP commenced its bankruptcy case by filing a voluntary petition under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. By orders of the Court (Docket Nos. 97 and 2188), the Debtors' chapter 11 cases have been consolidated for procedural purposes only and are being administered jointly.
- 2. The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. On May 5, 2009, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors, pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 4. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors and their nondebtor direct and indirect subsidiaries (collectively, the "Old Carco Companies") comprised one of the world's largest manufacturers and distributors of automobiles and other vehicles, together with related parts and accessories. On the Petition Date, the Old Carco Companies employed approximately

55,000 hourly and salaried employees worldwide, 70% of whom were based in the United States.

- 5. For the 12 months ended December 31, 2008, the Old Carco Companies recorded revenue of more than \$48.4 billion and had assets of approximately \$39.3 billion and liabilities totaling \$55.2 billion.
- 6. In connection with the commencement of these cases, Old Carco and its Debtor subsidiaries, Fiat S.p.A. ("Fiat") and New Chrysler (as defined below) entered into a Master Transaction Agreement dated as of April 30, 2009 (as amended and collectively with other ancillary and supporting documents, the "MTA"). The MTA provided, among other things, that: (a) Old Carco would transfer the majority of its operating assets to New CarCo Acquisition LLC n/k/a Chrysler Group LLC ("New Chrysler"), a newly established Delaware limited liability company formed by Fiat; and (b) in exchange for those assets, New Chrysler would assume certain of the Debtors' liabilities and pay to Old Carco \$2 billion in cash (collectively with the other transactions contemplated by the MTA, the "Fiat Transaction"). On May 3, 2009, the Original Debtors filed a motion to approve the Fiat Transaction or a similar transaction with a competing bidder (Docket No. 190).
- 7. On May 31, 2009, this Court issued: (a) an Opinion Granting the Debtors' Motion Seeking Authority to Sell, Pursuant to § 363, Substantially All of the Debtors' Assets (Docket No. 3073) (the "Sale Opinion"); and (b) an Opinion and Order Regarding Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and Troubled Asset Relief Program (Docket Nos. 3074 and 3229) (together with the Sale Opinion, the "Opinions"). On June 1, 2009 and consistent with the Sale Opinion, this Court entered an Order authorizing the Fiat Transaction (Docket

No. 3232) (the "Sale Order"). Consistent with the Sale Order, the Fiat Transaction was consummated on June 10, 2009.

8. On December 14, 2009 and December 15, 2009, the Debtors filed: (a) the Joint Plan of Liquidation of Debtors and Debtors in Possession, dated December 14, 2009 (Docket No. 6077); (b) the Disclosure Statement with Respect to the Joint Plan of Liquidation of Debtors and Debtors in Possession, dated December 14, 2009 (Docket No. 6078) (as it may be amended or modified, the "Disclosure Statement"); and (c) the Motion of Debtors and Debtors in Possession for an Order (I) Approving Disclosure Statement, (II) Establishing Procedures for Solicitation and Tabulation of Votes to Accept or Reject Joint Plan of Liquidation, (III) Scheduling Hearing on Confirmation of Joint Plan of Liquidation and (IV) Approving Related Notice Procedures (Docket No. 6079) (the "Solicitation Procedures Motion,"). The hearing to consider the relief requested in the Solicitation Procedures Motion, including approval of the Disclosure Statement, currently is scheduled for January 21, 2010.

Jurisdiction

9. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

Relief Requested

10. Pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 6006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), the Debtors hereby seek the entry of an order authorizing them to reject the executory contracts (collectively,

the "Contracts") identified in Exhibit A¹ attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, effective as of the date hereof.

Facts Relevant to This Motion

- 11. The Debtors have engaged in a review of their executory contracts. As a result of their review, the Debtors have determined that the Contracts identified in Exhibit A are neither necessary nor valuable to their estates and will not be assumed and assigned in connection with the Fiat Transaction.
- 12. The Debtors submit that each of the Contracts is an "executory contract" within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, eligible for rejection by the Debtors. To the extent that either of the Contracts already has expired or been terminated or otherwise is not "executory" within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, it is included herein out of an abundance of caution.²

Argument

13. Section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a debtor, "subject to the court's approval, may assume or reject any executory contract or unexpired lease."

11 U.S.C. § 365(a). Courts routinely approve motions to assume, assume and assign or reject executory contracts or unexpired leases upon a showing that the debtor's decision to take such

For each of the Contracts, Exhibit A includes: (a) a description of the Contract; (b) the names and addresses of any nondebtor parties to the Contract; (c) the name of the Debtor party to the Contract and (d) the term of the Contract. Each of the Contracts includes any modifications, amendments, addenda or supplements thereto or restatements thereof. Copies of the Contracts are not attached hereto, but are available from the Debtors' counsel upon request, subject to any applicable confidentiality restrictions. The terms of the Contracts are provided for convenience only and are not intended to modify, or to represent the Debtors' interpretation of, the terms of either of the Contracts.

This Motion does not constitute an admission by the Debtors that either of the Contracts is enforceable under applicable nonbankruptcy law. The Debtors expressly reserve their rights with respect thereto. To the extent that either Contract is unenforceable under applicable nonbankruptcy law, it is included herein out of an abundance of caution.

action will benefit the debtor's estate and is an exercise of sound business judgment. See Orion Pictures Corp. v. Showtime Networks, Inc. (In re Orion Pictures Corp.), 4 F.3d 1095, 1099 (2d Cir. 1993) (stating that section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code "permits the trustee or debtor-in-possession, subject to the approval of the bankruptcy court, to go through the inventory of executory contracts of the debtor and decide which ones it would be beneficial to adhere to and which ones it would be beneficial to reject"); see also NLRB v. Bildisco & Bildisco,

465 U.S. 513, 523 (1984) (stating that the traditional standard applied by courts to authorize the rejection of an executory contract is that of "business judgment"); In re Old Carco LLC (f/k/a Chrysler LLC), 406 B.R. 180, 188 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009) (Gonzalez, J.) ("The business judgment standard is employed by courts in determining whether to permit a debtor to assume or reject a contract.").

- 14. Courts generally will not second-guess a debtor's business judgment concerning the assumption or rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease. See id. at 198 (recognizing that "the business judgment standard would be rendered irrelevant if the Court stepped in to second guess . . . a decision" that the Debtors can show was based on rational business factors); In re Riodizio, Inc., 204 B.R. 417, 424 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1997) ("[A] court will ordinarily defer to the business judgment of the debtor's management."); accord Phar-Mor, Inc. v. Strouss Bldg. Assocs., 204 B.R. 948, 951-52 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1997) ("Whether an executory contract is 'favorable' or 'unfavorable' is left to the sound business judgment of the debtor. . . . Courts should generally defer to a debtor's decision whether to reject an executory contract.").
- 15. The "business judgment" test is not a strict standard; it merely requires a showing that either assumption or rejection will benefit a debtor's estate. See, e.g., Old Carco

LLC, 406 B.R. at 193 (stating that "the scope of the Court's inquiry is limited. Under the business judgment standard, the Court must determine whether rejection will benefit the Debtors' estates"); Bregman v. Meehan (In re Meehan), 59 B.R. 380, 385 (E.D.N.Y. 1986) ("The business judgment test is a flexible one The primary issue under the business judgment test is whether rejection of the contract would benefit general unsecured creditors."); In re Helm, 335 B.R. 528, 538 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2006) ("To meet the business judgment test, the debtor in possession must establish that rejection will benefit the estate."); Westbury Real Estate Ventures, Inc. v. Bradlees, Inc. (In re Bradlees Stores, Inc.), 194 B.R. 555, 558 n.1 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1996) ("In reviewing a debtor's decision to assume or reject an executory contract, the court must examine the contract and circumstances and apply its best 'business judgment' to determine if the assumption or rejection would be beneficial or burdensome to the estate.").

- 16. Following the consummation of the Fiat Transaction, the Debtors are in the process of winding down their business affairs and have no further need for the Contracts. Moreover, the Debtors have determined that the Contracts do not have any realizable value in the marketplace. As such, the Contracts are neither necessary nor valuable to the Debtors' business activities or the wind down process. The Debtors believe that maintaining the Contracts under these circumstances would unnecessarily deplete the assets of the Debtors' estates to the direct detriment of their creditors.
- 17. The Debtors request that rejection of the Contracts be effective as of the date hereof. Courts commonly permit rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease effective as of the date on which any nondebtor parties are given definitive notice of the debtor's intent to reject. See, e.g., In re Jamesway Corp., 179 B.R. 33, 38 (S.D.N.Y. 1995) ("[A] court

can, where appropriate, approve rejection retroactively."); accord In re CCI Wireless LLC, 279 B.R. 590, 595 (Bankr. D. Colo. 2002) ("This Court may — and in this instance should — approve the rejection of a non-residential lease retroactive to the filing date of the motion to reject the lease."); In re Joseph C. Spiess Co., 145 B.R. 597, 606 (N.D. Ill. 1992) (rejection is effective when the counterparty receives notice of the debtor's intent to reject).

18. In light of the fact that (a) this Motion provides the nondebtor parties to the Contracts with definitive notice of the Debtors' decision to reject and (b) the Debtors' estates are deriving no benefit from the continuation of the Contracts, the Debtors believe, in the sound exercise of their business judgment, that rejection of the Contracts effective as of the date of this Motion is in the best interests of their estates and stakeholders.

Notice

19. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

In accordance with the Administrative Order, Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(c),

Establishing Case Management and Scheduling Procedures (Docket No. 661) (the "Case

Management Order"), entered on May 12, 2009, notice of this Motion has been given to the parties identified on the General Service List and the Special Service List (as such terms are identified in the Case Management Order), and to the nondebtor counterparties to the Contracts identified in Exhibit A. The Debtors submit that no other or further notice need be provided.

No Prior Request

20. No prior request for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court (a) enter an order substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>, granting the relief requested herein; and (b) grant such other and further relief to the Debtors as the Court may deem proper.

Dated: December 29, 2009 New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

Schedule of Contracts to Be Rejected¹

No.	Description of <u>Contract or Lease</u>	Nondebtor Parties	<u>Debtor Party</u>	<u>Term</u>
1.	Agreement dated October 20, 1986 between Delmarva Power & Light Company and Chrysler Corporation for the Supply of Electrical Power Through a New Electrical Switchyard and Related Transmission Facilities	Delmarva Power & Light Company Attn: President or General Counsel 252 Chapman Road P.O. Box 6066 Newark, DE 19714-6066 Delmarva Power C/O Pepco Holdings, Inc. Attn: President or General Counsel 5 Collins Drive, Ste 2133 Carneys Point, NJ 08069 Delmarva Power Attn: President or General Counsel P.O. Box 17000 Wilmington, DE 19886	Old Carco LLC f/k/a Chrysler LLC as successor to Chrysler Corporation	Initial term of 10 years renewing automatically thereafter from year to year

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Each of the Contracts includes any modifications, amendments, addenda or supplements thereto or restatements thereof. The terms of the Contracts included herein are provided for convenience only and are not intended to modify, or to represent the Debtors' interpretation of or a Court determination regarding, the terms of either of the Contracts.

No.	Description of <u>Contract or Lease</u>	Nondebtor Parties	<u>Debtor Party</u>	<u>Term</u>
2.	Operation and Maintenance Agreement dated November 11, 1996 between Delmarva Power & Light Company and Chrysler Corporation	Delmarva Power & Light Company Attn: President or General Counsel 252 Chapman Road P.O. Box 6066 Newark, DE 19714-6066 Delmarva Power C/O Pepco Holdings, Inc. Attn: President or General Counsel 5 Collins Drive, Ste 2133 Carneys Point, NJ 08069 Delmarva Power Attn: President or General Counsel P.O. Box 17000 Wilmington, DE 19886	Old Carco LLC f/k/a Chrysler LLC as successor to Chrysler Corporation	Initial term of three years renewing automatically thereafter from year to year

EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re		:	Chapter 11
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Old Carco LLC		:	Case No. 09-50002 (AJG
(f/k/a Chrysler LLC), a	et al.,	:	
		:	(Jointly Administered)
	Debtors.	:	
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TWENTY-SECOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS

This matter coming before the Court on the Twenty-Second Omnibus Motion of Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Pursuant to Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 6006, for an Order Authorizing the Rejection of Certain Executory Contracts (the "Motion"), filed by the debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "Debtors"); the Court having reviewed the Motion and having considered the statements of counsel and the evidence adduced with respect to the Motion at a hearing before the Court (the "Hearing"); the Court having found that (a) the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (b) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), (c) notice of the Motion and the Hearing was sufficient under the circumstances and (d) a sound business purpose exists for the relief granted herein; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein;

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Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Motion.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.
- 2. The Debtors are authorized to reject the Contracts² identified in the attached <u>Schedule 1</u>, which is incorporated herein by reference, and each of the Contracts is deemed rejected, pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, effective as of December 29, 2009.
- 3. In accordance with the Order, Pursuant to Sections 105, 501 and 503 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 3003(c)(3), Establishing Bar Dates for Filing Proofs of Claim and Approving Form and Manner of Notice Thereof (Docket No. 5018) (the "Bar Date Order"), any entity asserting claims arising from or relating to the rejection of either of the Contracts, in accordance with section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, or asserting claims otherwise related to such rejected Contracts, including (a) secured claims, unsecured priority claims and unsecured nonpriority claims that arose or are deemed to have arisen prior to the Petition Date; and (b) administrative claims under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code (each, a "Rejection Damages Claim"), must file a proof of claim by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the date that is 30 days after the entry of this Order (such date, the "Rejection Damages Bar Date"). All such proofs of claim shall be filed in accordance with the requirements of the Bar Date Order. A copy of the Bar Date Order, a Proof of Claim Form, instructions for submitting a claim and other materials relating to these cases are available at www.chryslerrestructuring.com. If an entity fails to timely and properly file a Rejection Damages Claim by the Rejection Damages Bar Date, such party shall be forever barred, estopped and enjoined from asserting such

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Rejection Damages Claim against the Debtors or their estates or property, or voting or receiving distributions under any plan of liquidation in these cases on account of such Rejection Damages Claim. See Bar Date Order ¶ 16.

4. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to resolve all matters relating to the implementation, interpretation or enforcement of this Order.

Dated:	New	York,	, New	York
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE